



At the Council-Chamber in Whitehall, Monday the 22th. of October, 1688.

**T**his day an Extraordinary Council met, where were likewise Present, by His Majesties Desire and Appointment, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and such of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town. And also the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, The Judges, and several of their Majesties Council Learned, hereafter Named.

## The Kings most Excellent Majesty,

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager in a Chair placed on the Kings Right Hand.

His R. H. Pr. George of Denmark,  
Lord Chancellor,  
Lord President,  
Lord Privy Seal,  
Duke of Hamilton,  
Lord Chamberlain,  
Earl of Oxford,  
Earl of Huntingdon,  
Earl of Peterborough,  
Earl of Craven,  
Earl of Berkeley,  
Earl of Rochester,  
Earl of Moray,

Earl of Middleton,  
Earl of Melfort,  
Earl of Castlemain,  
Viscount Preston,  
Lord Bellasise,  
Lord Godolphin,  
Lord Dover,  
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
Master of the Rolls,  
Lord Chief Justice Herbert,  
Sir Thomas Strickland,  
Sir Nicholas Butler,  
Mr. Titus.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Duke of Norfolk,  
Duke of Grafton,  
Duke of Ormond,  
Duke of Northumberland,  
Marquess of Halifax,  
Earl of Pembroke,  
Earl of Salisbury,  
Earl of Clarendon,  
Earl of Cardigan,  
Earl of Ailesbury,  
Earl of Burlington,  
Earl of Litchfield,  
Earl of Feversham,  
Earl of Nottingham,

Viscount Newport,  
Viscount Weymouth,  
Bishop of London,  
Bishop of Winchester,  
Bishop of Rochester,  
Bishop of Chester,  
Bishop of St. Davids,  
Lord North,  
Lord Chandos,  
Lord Montagu,  
Lord Herbert of Chirbury,  
Lord Vaughan Earl of Carbery,  
Lord Colepeper,  
Lord Churchill,  
Lord Waldegrave,

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London.

Sir Robert Wright, Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench.  
Sir Thomas Powel, } Justices of the Kings Bench.  
Sir Robert Baldock, }  
Sir Thomas Street, }  
Sir Edward Lutwich, } Justices of the Common Pleas.  
Sir Thomas Jenner, }  
Sir Richard Heath, }  
Sir Charles Ingleby, } Barons of the Exchequer.  
Sir John Rotherham, }  
Sir John Maynard, } His Majesties Serjeants at Law.  
Sir John Holt, }  
Sir Ambrose Philips, }  
Sir Thomas Powel, His Majesties Attorney General.  
Sir William Williams, His Majesties Solicitor General.  
Sir James Butler.  
Mr. North, the Queens Attorney.  
Mr. Mountagu, the Queens Solicitor.  
Sir Charles Porter.

To whom His Majesty Spake to this Effect.



My Lords,

Have called you together upon a very extraordinary Occasion; but extraordinary Diseases must have extraordinary Remedies. The Malicious Endeavours of my Enemies have so poisoned the Minds of some of My Subjects, that by the Reports I have from all hands, I have Reason to believe, That very many do not think this Son with which God hath blessed Me, to be Mine, but a Supposed Child. But I may say, that by particular Providence, scarce any Prince was ever Born where there were so many Persons present.

I have taken this time to have the Matter Heard and Examined here, Expecting that the Prince of Orange, with the first Eastwardly Wind, will invade this Kingdom: And as I have often ventured My Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, so I think My Self more obliged to do the same now I am KING; and do intend to go in Person against him, whereby I may be exposed to Accidents, and therefore I thought it necessary to have this now done, in order to satisfy the minds of My Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdoms being engaged in Blood and Confusion after my Death, desiring to do always what may contribute most to the Ease and Quiet of My Subjects, which I have shewed by Securing to them their Liberty of Conscience, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I will always preserve.

I have desired the Queen-Dowager to give Her Self the trouble to come hither, to Declare what she knows of the Birth of My Son, and most of the Ladies, Lords, and other Persons who were present, are ready here to Depose upon Oath their Knowledge of this Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleased to say,

That when the King sent for her to the Queens Labour, she came as soon as she could, and never stirred from her till she was Delivered of the Prince of Wales.

Catherina R.

And the following Depositions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth Lady Marchioness of Powis, Deposeth,

That about the 29th of December last, the Queen was likely to miscarry; whereupon she immediately went unto her, and offered her some effectual Remedies, which are made use of on the like Occasion which the Queen ordered this Deponent to acquaint the Do-

ctors with. The Day following the Queen Dowager sent this Deponent to see how the Queen did; who replied, She had a pretty good Night, and did think she had quickened, but would not be positive till she felt it again; That after this, the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did see her Shift her several Days, and generally saw the Milk, and sometimes Wet upon her Smock. That some time after, this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few Days before the Queen was brought to Bed; and from the time of this Deponents Return, she saw the Queen every Day till she was brought to Bed; and was in the Room a quarter of an Hour before, and at the time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. Wilks her Majesties Midwife, which this Deponent saw, and immediately went with the Prince, carried by Mrs. Delahadie into the Queens little Bed-chamber, where she saw Sir Thomas Witherly sent for by the Midwife, who gave the Child Three Drops of something which came into the World with him, which this Deponent saw done; And this Deponent doth Aver, this Prince to be the same Child which was then born, and that she has never been from him one Day since.

Eliza. Powis.

Anne Countess of Aran, Deposeth,

That she went to the Queen from Whitehall to St. James's as soon as she heard that her Majesty was in Labour; When she came, she found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains; The Lady Sunderland, Lady Roscomon, Mrs. Labadie, and the Midwife, were on that side of the Bed where the Queen lay; and this Deponent, with a great many others, stood on the other side all the time, till the Queen was Delivered; As soon as her Majesty was Delivered, she said, O Lord, I don't hear the Child cry, and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it cry, and saw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. Labadie, who carried it into the little Bed-Chamber, where she, this Deponent, followed her, and saw that it was a Son, and that likewise she, the Deponent, hath several times seen Milk run out upon the Queens Smock during her being with Child.

A. Aran.

Penelope Countess of Peterborough, Deposeth,

That she was often with the Queen, while her Majesty was last with Child, and saw the Milk often upon her Majesties Smock, when she, the Deponent, took it off from the Queen; and often saw her Majesties Belly so as it could not be otherwise but that she was with Child. That the said Deponent stood by the Bedside on the Tenth of June last in the Morning, while the Queen was Delivered of the Prince of Wales.

P. Peterborough.

Anne Countess of Sunderland, Deposeth,

That June the Tenth 1688, being Trinity Sunday, The Deponent went to St. James's Chappel at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, intending to Receive the Sacrament; but in the beginning of the Communion-Service, the Man which looks to the Chappel came to the Deponent, and told her, she must come to the Queen; The Deponent said, She would as soon as Prayers were done; In a very little time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and said, The Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent must come to her Majesty, who then went directly to the Queens Bed-Chamber. As soon as the Deponent came in, her Majesty told her, this Deponent, She believed she was in Labour. By this time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, if he had sent for the Queen Dowager; He said he had sent for every Body. The said Deponent stood at the Queens Bolster, the Lady Roscomon, Mrs. Delahadie, and the Midwife, on that side of the Bed where the Queen was Delivered. After some lingring Pains, the Queen said, she feared she should not be brought to Bed a good while; but enquiring of the Midwife, she assured her Majesty, that she wanted only one thorough Pain to bring the Child into the World; Upon which the Queen said, it is impossible, the child lies so high, and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on her Majesties Belly, to feel how high the Child lay, which the Deponent did; but soon after a great Pain came on at past Nine of the Clock, and the Queen was Delivered; which the Midwife by pulling the Deponent by the Coat, assured her was a Son, it being the sign she told the Deponent she would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let her Majesty know presently, whether it was Son or Daughter. As soon as the Midwife had given the Deponent the Sign, the Deponent made a Sign to the King that it was a Son. When the Midwife had done her Office, she gave the Child to Mrs. Delahadie, which was a Son, and she carried it into the little Bed-Chamber.

A. Sunderland.

Isabella Countess of Roscomon, Deposeth,

That on the Tenth of June last, she stood by the Lady Sunderland in the Queens Bed-Chamber, while the Queen was in Labour, and saw the Prince of Wales, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife.

I. Roscomon.

Margaret Countess of Fingall, Deposeth,

That she waited on the Queen Dowager her Mistres into the Queens Bed-Chamber at St. James's, when the Queen was in Labour, and stood by the Beds Feet, when her Majesty was Delivered of the prince. That the Deponent saw the Prince carried away into another Room, and soon after followed, and saw him in that Room.

Marg. Fingall.

Lady Sophia Bulkeley, Deposeth,

That she was sent for on Trinity Sunday last past about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. James's; for the Man that came, said the Queen was in Labour, and he and others were sent to call every Body. That this Deponent made as much haste as she could to

life and be drest, but did not get to the Queens Bed-Chamber until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this Deponent found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen Dowager there set upon a Stool, and some of the Ladies about her. After this Deponent having staid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no strong Pain, she, this Deponent, went out, and, being next to the Room where the Queens Linen was a warming, heard a Noise, and lookt to see what was the matter, and finding no body there, this Deponent ran, and found the Child in the Queens little Bed-Chamber, who told this Deponent the Child was just born; This Deponent askt him, What is it? His Lordship said he could not tell. So this Deponent ran on to the Queens Bedside, and heard the Queen say to the Midwife, Pray, Mrs. Wilks, don't part the Child (which signifies, don't cut the Navel-String, until the after Birth is come away.) And while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent hath heard her Majesty command her Midwife not to do otherwise, it being counted much the safest way; But to what the Queen said just then (to the best of this Deponents Remembrance) Mrs. Wilks replied, Pray, Madam, give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be safe for Your self and Child; The Queen answered, Do then, and then cried, Where is the King gone? his Majesty came immediately from the other side of the Bed (from just having a sight of the Child) and answered the Queen, Here I am; The Queen said, Why do you leave me now? The King knelt on the Bed, on that side where the Deponent stood, and a little after the Midwife said, All is now come safe away; Upon that the King rose from the Bed, and said, Pray my Lords, come and see the Child: The King followed Mrs. Labadie, and the Lords His Majesty, into the little Bed-Chamber, where this Deponent followed also, and saw as well as they, that it was a Prince, and that Mrs. Wilks was in the right to desire to part the Child, For the Princes Face, especially his Forehead, was blackish, being stunn'd, as I have seen some other Children, when they have been just newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two hours time that he was drest and wash'd, (which the Deponent said by and saw done) the Prince lookt very fresh and well. This Deponent doth further add, That all the while, the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had the honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting upon her Majesty in her Dressing-Room and Bed-Chamber, and for the last three or four Months, this Deponent hath oftentimes seen the Queens Milk, as well as when this Deponent hath had the honour to put on her Majesties Smock.

S. Bulkeley.

Sufanna Lady Bellafyse, Deposeth.

That on Trinity Sunday the Tenth of June last, the Deponents Servant seeing the Queen Dowagers Coaches in St. James's at an unusual hour, went and asked the Occasion, and was told the Queen was in labour; whereupon he came into the Deponents Chamber, and awaked her; That the Queen having come to Lodge at St. James's but the Night before, they being in a great hurry, forgot to call the Deponent as her Majesty had ordered; That the Deponent made all the haste she could into her Majesties Bed-Chamber, and found the Queen in Bed, and Mrs. Wilks her Majesties Midwife, sitting by the Bedside, with her hands in the Queens Bed; The Queen asked her the said Midwife, what she thought? Mrs. Wilks assured her Majesty, that at the next great Pain the Child would be born; Whereupon the King ordered the Privy Counsellors to be called in; That this Deponent stood behind the Midwives Chair, and immediately after the Queens having another great Pain, the Prince was born; That this Deponent saw the Child taken out of the Bed with the Navel-string hanging to its Belly; That this Deponent opened the Receiver, and saw it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and seeing it a little black, she was afraid it was in a Convulsion Fit.

S. Bellafyse.

Henrietta Lady Waldegrave, Deposeth.

That she was in the Queens Bed-Chamber a quarter of an hour before her Majesty was Delivered, and standing by the Bedside, she saw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out much.

Henrietta Waldegrave.

Mrs. Mary Crane, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth.

That she went with the Queen Dowager to the Queens Labour on the Tenth of June last, and never stirred out of the Room till the Queen was Delivered. That this Deponent did not follow the Child, when it was first carried out of the Room, but staid in the Bed-Chamber, and saw all that was to be seen after the Birth of a Child. That she, the Deponent, then went to see the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majesty she feared the Child was sick; That his Majesty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and said it was a Mistake, the Child was very well.

Mary Crane.

Dame Isabella Wentworth, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.

That she often saw the Milk of her Majesties Breast upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being a common Saying, that it was a sign the Child would not live. And that she, the Deponent, did once feel the Child stir in the Queens Belly while her Majesty was in Bed, and that she was present when the Child was Born, and staid till she heard it cry, and then went to fetch Vinegar for the Queen to smell to; she, the Deponent, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of surprizing her Majesty: When the Deponent brought the Vinegar, she did desire to see the Child, Mrs. Delabadie having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the Deponent desired Doctor Waldegrave to look to it, believing it was not well: That the Deponent saw the Navel-string of the Child cut, and three drops of the Bloud, which came fresh out, given to him for the Convulsion Fits.

Isabella Wentworth.

Dame Catherine Sayer, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth.

That she waited on the Queen Dowager to the Queens Labour, and was all the time by the Bedside, and stood there, till the Queen was Delivered, and followed the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. Delabadie to the little Bed-Chamber, and took a warm Napkin, and laid it on the Childs Breast, believing the Child was not well.

Catharina Sayer.

Dame Isabella Waldegrave, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.

That she was constantly with the Queen, when her Majesty was likely to Miscarry, and had often seen Milk on her Majesties Breasts, and was with the Queen at the time of her Labour with the Prince, and saw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. Delabadie with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-Chamber, and was by when the Child was shewn to the King that it was a Son; and this Deponent took the After-Burthen, and put it into a Basin of Water, and carried it into the Queens Closet.

Isabella Waldegrave.

Mrs. Margaret Dawson, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.

That on the Tenth of June last, in the Morning, she was sent for by the Queen out of St. James's Chappel, where she was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queens Chamber, she found her sitting all alone upon a Stool by the Beds-head, when the Queen said to her, this Deponent, she believed her self in Labour, and bid her, the Deponent,

her the Palace Bed, which stood in the next Room, to be made ready for her; But that Bed having never been aired, the Deponent persuaded the Queen not to make use of it: After which the Queen bid the Deponent make ready the Bed she came out of, which was done accordingly. The Deponent further saith, That she saw fire carried into the Queens Room in a Warming-Pan, to warm the Bed, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the Deponent stirred not from the Queen until her Majesty was Delivered of a Son. That she, this Deponent well remembers, that on the 29th of December last, her Majesty was afraid of Miscarrying, which was about the time she Quickned; and that after the Queen had gone Two and twenty Weeks with Child, her Majesties Milk began to run, which she the Deponent often saw upon her Smock, and that the Ninth of May her Majesty apprehended Miscarrying again with a fright.

Margaret Dawson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.

That she was sick all Winter, till a little before Easter last, when she, the Deponent, came into Waiting; That from that time till the Queen was brought to Bed, she, the Deponent, saw the Queen put on her Smock every Morning, by which means she saw the Milk constantly fall out of her Majesties Breasts, and observed the bigness of her Majesties Belly, which could not be counterfeit: That the Deponent came from Whitehall to the Queens Labour to St. James's the Tenth of June last, and remained in the Room till the Queen was Delivered, and afterwards; but did not follow the Child till some time after, when she, the Deponent, went to see what coloured Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Pelégrina Turini, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.

That she constantly attended the Queen when she was last with Child, and that on the Tenth of June last she was in waiting on her Majesty, who called her on the said Tenth of June in the Morning, and told her, the Deponent, she was in pain, and bid her send for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants, after which she, the Deponent, staid with the Queen during her Labour, and until she was Delivered of the Prince of Wales.

The Mark of Pelégrina X Turini.

Mrs. Anna Cary, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth.

That she waited on the Queen Dowager from Somerset-House to St. James's the Day the Queen was brought to Bed, and went into the Queens Bed-Chamber, where she, this Deponent, staid till the Queen was Delivered, and saw the Prince as soon as he was born.

Anna Cary.

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, Dry Nurse to the Prince, Deposeth.

That she was with the Queen all the time her Majesty was with Child, and drest her every Day, and in all the Nine Months did not miss above Six Days, and that at several times by reason of Sickness. That on Sunday Morning the Tenth of June last, she, the Deponent, was sent for to the Queen, who was in Labour; That the Deponent came presently, and was with the Queen all the time of her Labour, and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Clothes for the Queen, the Midwife told this Deponent, that immediately on the next Pain the Queen would be Delivered, which accordingly she was. That this Deponent whispered to the Midwife, asking whether it was a Girl, she answered, No; whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Receiver (that the Deponent had given her) and then delivered the Child to the Deponent, and bid her go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel, which this Deponent did, and the King and Council followed her; and the King asked this Deponent what it was, who answered, What he desired; The King replied, But let me see; whereupon the Deponent presently shewed his Majesty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counsellors then present saw it one after another. The Deponent sat with the Prince in her Lap till the Midwife had done with the Queen, then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this Deponent, and asked for a Spoon for to give it three Drops of the Bloud of the Navel-String, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Physicians, who said it was good against Fits. That the Deponent held the Spoon when the Midwife dropt the Bloud into it, and stirred it with a little Black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince. That the Queen sent for this Deponent, and gave her the Prince to take care of him in quality of Dry Nurse, which she has hitherto done; and further deposeth it to be the same Child that was born of the Queen. And that Mrs. Dawsons, one of the Princesses of Denmark's Women, and formerly Nurse to the Lady Isabella, coming to see the Prince, she told this Deponent, she was glad to see the same Marks upon his Eye, as the Queens former Children had.

Mary Anne Delabadie.

Mrs. Judith Wilks, Deposeth.

That being the Queens Midwife, she came often to her, especially when her Majesty was in any danger of Miscarrying, and many times felt the Child stir in her Belly, and saw the Milk run out of her Majesties Breasts; That on Trinity Sunday last in the Morning about Eight of the Clock, the Queen sent Mr. White, Page of the Back-stairs, to call her, this Deponent, believing her self in Labour; when the Deponent came, she found the Queen in great Pain and Trembling; The Queen told her she feared it was her Labour, it being near the time of her first Reckoning; she, the Deponent, desired her Majesty not to be afraid, saying, she did not doubt that it was her full time, and hoped her Majesty would have as good Labour as she always had; and whilst her Majesty was sitting trembling, her Water broke, and immediately she sent for the King, he being gone to his own Side, and let him know in what Condition she was, and desired him to send for whom he pleased to be present. The Queen ordered this Deponent to send for Mrs. Dawson and the rest of her Women; Mrs. Dawson came presently, and the Countess of Sunderland with her, and the rest of the Women also; That most of them saw her, this Deponent, make the Bed fit for the Queen to be delivered in; which when it was ready, her Majesty was put into, and about Ten a Clock that Morning the Queen was Delivered of the Prince of Wales by her, this Deponents assistance, and afterwards she, the Deponent, shewed the After-burthen to the Physicians, and before them the Deponent cut the Navel-String, and gave the Prince three Drops of his Bloud, to prevent Convulsion Fits, according to their Order. And this Deponent further saith, That when the Child was born, it not crying, the Queen said she thought it was dead, this Deponent assured her Majesty it was not, and desired Leave to part the Child from the After-burthen; which the Queen was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dangerous to her self; but the Deponent assuring her Majesty it would not, her Majesty gave Consent; whereupon the Child presently cried, and then the Deponent gave it to Mrs. Labadie.

Judith Wilks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearse, Laundress to the Queen, Deposeth.

That about Nine of the Clock on the Tenth of June last in the Morning, she came into the Bed-Chamber, and heard the Queen cry out, being in great pain, in which she continued until her Delivery; after which she, the Deponent, saw the Prince of Wales given by the Midwife to Mrs. Labadie; That immediately after the Deponent saw the Midwife hold up the After-burthen, shewing it to the Company, and then the Deponent fetcht her Maids, and with them took away all the

the foul Linen hot as the they came from the Queen; That for a Month after her Majesty's Lying-in, the Deponent well knows by the washing of her Linen, that the Queen was in the same Condition that all other Women use to be on the like Occasion; And that some time after her Quickning it appeared by her Smocks, that her Majesty had Milk in her Breasts, which continued until she was brought to Bed, and afterwards during the usual time.

*Elizabeth Pearse.*

**Frances Dutches of Richmond and Lenox, Depoeth,**  
That she, the Deponent, was not at the Queens Labour, because she did not know it time enough, but as soon as she did, she made all the haste she could to Dress her; but the Queen was Delivered before she, the Deponent, came: And that at a time when the Queen apprehended she should miscarry, and the Physicians made her Majesty keep her Bed for that Reason, the Deponent went one Evening to wait upon her Majesty, and as she stood by her Bedside, her Majesty said to her, *My Milk is now very troublesome, it runs out so much.* The Deponent asked the Queen if it need to do so; who answered, *It need to run out a little, but now the Frigate I am in of Miscarriage makes it run out very much, as you may see,* throwing down the Bed clothes to the middle of her Stomach, and shewing her Smock upon her Breast to the said Deponent, which was very wet with her Milk.

**Charlotte Countess of Lichfield, Depoeth,**  
That she was not at the Queens Labour, (being in Child-bed herself) but that she was almost constantly with the Queen while she was with Child, and hath put on her Smock, and seen the Milk run out of her Breast, and felt her Belly; so that she is sure she could not be deceived; but that the Queen was with Child.

**Anne Countess of Marischall, Depoeth,**  
That she was several times in the Queens Bed-Chamber, when she shifted her self, and hath seen her Smock stain'd with her Milk; That she was not at the Queens Labour, tho' sent to by one of her Ladies, being sick of a Fever; but do's in her Conscience believe her Majesty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk.

**George Lord Jeffreys, Lord Chancellor of England, Depoeth,**  
That he being sent for to St. James's on the Tenth of June last by a Messenger that left word the Queen was in Labour; soon after he, this Deponent, came to St. James's, and was sent for into the Queens Bed-Chamber, and to the best of his, the Deponents, apprehension, the Queen was in Labour, and had a Pain or two to the best of the Deponents remembrance before the rest of the Lords were called in. The Deponent stood all the time at the Queens Bedside, and heard her cry out several times as Women in Travail use to do, and at length after a long Pain, it was by some of the Women on the other side of the Bed said the Child was born. The Deponent heard the Queen say, She did not hear it cry. The Deponent immediately asked the Lord President what it was, he whispered that it was a Boy, which the Deponent understood he had hinted to him by the Lady Sunderland. Immediately the Deponent saw a Gentlewoman, who he hath since heard her Name to be Mrs. Labadie, carry the Child into another Room, whither the Deponent followed, and saw the Child when she first opened it, and saw it was black and reaking; so that it plainly seemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefore Depose, he doth steadfastly believe the Queen was Delivered of that Child that very Morning.

**Robert Earl of Sunderland, Lord President of His Majesties Privy Council, and Principal Secretary of State, Depoeth,**  
That on Sunday Morning the Tenth of June last, he was sent for, to come to St. James's, the Queen being in Labour. The Deponent immediately went, and found many Lords of the Council there. After having been some time in an outward Room, first the Lord Chancellor, and then the rest of the Council were called into the Queens Bed Chamber, where in a short time her Majesty was brought to Bed. The Deponent saw Mrs. Labadie carry the Child into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed, with many more, and saw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born.

**Henry Lord Arundell of Wardour, Lord Privy Seal, Depoeth,**  
That on the Tenth of June last, being Sunday, he had notice given him that the Queen was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent repaired to St. James's betwixt Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, where he found several Lords of the Council; In a little time after they were all called into the Queens Bed-Chamber; in less than a Quarter of an hour after, she fell into the sharpness of her Labour; her Cries were so vehement, and especially the last, that the Deponent could not forbid himself the being concerned for her great Pain; which the the Deponent expressing to the Lord Chancellor, he told the Deponent it was a sign her Majesty would the sooner be Delivered, or words to that purpose, which proved very true, for presently after she was so; The Deponent heard a whispering up and down that it was a Prince, for no man was permitted to speak it aloud, lest the sudden knowledge of it might have discomposed the Queen; The Deponent did not go in with some Lords when the Child was carried into the next Room, which was the occasion the Deponent did not see him when he was uncovered and Drest.

**John Earl of Mulgrave, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesties Household, saith, it is not to be expected one of his Sex should be able to give full Evidence in such a matter, but Depoeth,**

That he was just at the Beds Feet, and heard the Queen Cry very much, then the Deponent followed the Child into the other Room, and it seemed a little black; the Deponent also saw it was a Boy.

**William Earl of Craven Depoeth,**  
That he attending the King at St. James's, the Tenth of June last in the morning, to receive the Word of His Majesty; the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded this Deponents Stay and Attendance; and after the space of one hour and something more, this Deponent was, with some other Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, called into the Queens Great Bed chamber to be present at Her Delivery, and as near as this Deponent can remember, the Queen made Three Groans or Squeeks, and at the last of Three was delivered of a Child; the which was carried out into the little Bed-Chamber, and there by the Fire this Deponent saw it cleansing; and this Deponent further saith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may safely aver, that the Prince of Wales is that very Child that then was so brought out of the Queens Great Bed-chamber, where this Deponent and others were present, as aforesaid, at Her Majesties Labour and Delivery.

**Lewis Earl of Feversham Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, Depoeth,**

That being in Bed upon the Tenth of June, between eight and nine a Clock in the Morning, Mr. Nicholas, one of His Majesties Grooms of his Bed-chamber, came into this Deponents Room, and told him that the King had sent him to tell the Queen Dowager, that the Queen was in Labour, and told him further, that the Queen Dowager had given order for Her Coach, as soon as she heard the News of the Queens Labour. The Deponent dressed himself with all

speed, and came to wait upon the Queen Dowager, who was ready to go into her Coach, as she did. The Deponent went into one of her Coaches to wait upon Her Majesty as he used to do, having the honour to be Her Lord Chamberlain; We went to St. James's, and then led Her Majesty into the Queens Bed-chamber, and finding the Queen in pain, the Deponent went into the next Room, where were several Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times, and a very little after the Lords of the Council were called in, and the Deponent followed them into the Bed-chamber, and a very little after the Queen cried louder, and then said, Pray do not tell me what it is yet. The Deponent went out of the Room to tell the News, that the Queen was brought to Bed; and when the Deponent came in again, the News was, that it was a Prince; and immediately the Deponent saw Mrs. Labadie with the Child wrapt up in her hands, and in the Crowd; upon which the Deponent desired to make room for the Prince, and followed her into the little Bed chamber, where the Deponent saw the Prince as a Child newly born, as he believed it.

**Alexander Earl of Morray, Depoeth,**  
That he came not to St. James's till half an hour after the Queen was brought to Bed, and only heard that Her Majesty was brought to Bed of a Prince, which the Deponent verily Believes, as he is alive, she brought into the World that very morning, being the Tenth of June last, 1688.

**Charles Earl of Middleton, one of His Majesties principal Secretaries of State, Depoeth,**

That the Tenth of June last past, betwixt eight and nine of the Clock in the Morning, he had notice that the Queens Majesty was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent made what haste he could to St. James's; The Deponent found the Earl of Craven waiting at the Queens Bed-Chamber door towards the Drawing Room, which was then shut; just after the King opened it, and called the Earl of Craven and the Deponent in; The Deponent asked His Majesty, How the Queen was? He was pleased to answer the Deponent, You are a married Man, and so may know these Matters; The Water is broke or come away, or to that effect; and then Bid the Deponent go into the Dressing Room within the Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found several Persons of Quality; above half an hour after, to the best of this Deponents Memory, all the company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; the Deponent stood near the Beds Feet on the left side, where he heard the Queens Groans, and presently after several loud Shrieks; the last the Deponent remembers continued so long, that he then wondered how any body could hold their Breath so long; presently after, the Deponent heard them say, the Queen was delivered: Whereupon the Deponent stepped up to the Bed-side, and saw a Woman, he supposes, the Midwife, kneeling at the other side of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-clothes for a pretty while, then the Deponent saw her spread a Cloth upon her Lap, and laid the end of it over the Bed-clothes, as I then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then see it,) out of the Bed into that Cloth, and give it to Mrs. Labadie, who brought it round to the side where the Deponent stood, and carried it into a little Room, into which the Deponent immediately followed the King, and saw her sit down by the Fire, and heard her say, It is a Boy; upon which the King said, let me see it; thereupon she laid open the Cloth, and shewed all the Child, saying, There's what you wish to see; The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the sense of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the same time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent desireth pardon if he doth not know the proper Expression, but hopes his meaning is plain.

**John Earl of Melfort, Depoeth,**  
That on Sunday the Tenth of June last, betwixt eight and nine in the Morning, the Deponent was informed, that the Queen was in Labour; The Deponent went to St. James's, and waited in the Queens Drawing-Room till some of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the Deponent scratched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no answer, he ran down by the Garden-side and came to the Queens Back-stairs, and finding the Dressing-Room door open, the Deponent went into the Queens Bed-chamber, where he saw a great number of company, Lords and Ladies standing about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great pain, as Women use to do when they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Womans Voice which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling Her, she would be quickly well, she would be brought to Bed immediately; within a little the Deponent heard the Ladies behind the Bed say, the Queen was brought to Bed, and the Queen cry out, The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry, and immediately the Child cried; within a little the Deponent saw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked so earnestly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was; the Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapt up in loose Clothes; the Deponent saw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dressing Room, and entred by the other door into the Room where the Prince was, and saw him in the condition of a New Born Child; and the Deponent by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queens Child.

**Sidney Lord Godolphin, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, Depoeth,**  
That he was called into the Queens Bed-chamber, with the rest of the Lords of the Council, being one of the last; and the Queen Dowager being there, and several Ladies, the Room was so full, that the Deponent could not get near the Bed, but stood by the Chimney; There the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times, as Women use to do that are in Labour; and the last cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other; immediately upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give some Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready; the Deponent made haste back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News that the Queen was deliver'd of a Son, whereupon the Deponent went into the little Bed-chamber, and saw the Child.

**Sir Stephen Fox Kt. Depoeth,**  
That on Sunday the Tenth of June last past, about nine of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at Whitehall after the first Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he, the Deponent, made haste to St. James's, because in waiting, as an Officer of the Green-Cloth, to warn the several Servants below stairs to be in their Offices, that upon that occasion there might not happen to be any thing wanting of Household Provisions and Necessaries under his, this Deponents, command; but first going up by the Back-stairs into Her Majesties Dressing-Room, and being there with many others, he heard Her Majesty cry out very loudly; whereupon this Deponent hastned to the Green-Cloth, and ordered the several Servants to deliver out of their several Offices whatsoever should be called for; and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queens said Dressing Room, he was told, A Prince was Born: Upon which News, He, this Deponent, went into the Queens little Bed-chamber, and saw the young Child before He was dress'd.

**Ste. Fox, Lieut.**

*Lieut. Col. Edward Griffin, Depoſeth,*

THAT upon Sunday, the Tenth of June laſt, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between eight and nine in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queens Dreſſing-Room at St. James's, with ſeveral Lords of the Council, and after ſome time we were there, the King came out of the Queens Bed-chamber, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent went in along with them, being in Waiting; Immediately after the ſaid Lords and this Deponent were in the Room; the Queen cried out extremely, and ſaid, *Oh, I die; you kill me, you kill me;* And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) answered, *This one Pain, Madam, and 'twill be over;* then preſently Mrs. Dawson made this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born: Then this Deponent heard the Queen ſay, *Don't tell me what it is yet;* and Mrs. Dawson came to this Deponent, and whiſpered him in the Ear, *Tis a Prince, but don't take Notice of it yet.* Then Mrs. Delahadie brought away the Child from the Bed ſide, and carried it into the little Bed chamber, and the King and the Lords of the Council went after her, but this Deponent did not follow them.

*Edward Griffin.*

*Sir Charles Scarborough, Firſt Phyſician to the King, Depoſeth,*  
THAT upon the Deponents coming to viſit Her Maſteſty then lying at St. James's, on Sunday the Tenth of June, 1688. as the Deponent went up the Back Stairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation that a Prince of Wales was born, upon which the Deponent haſtied preſently into the little Bed Chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. Labadie juſt ſetting down before the Fire, with the New Born Prince wrapped in the Mantles lying in her Lap. Then paſſing to the Queen in the next Bed-chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Maſteſties ſafe Delivery. The Queen was wearied and panting, but otherwiſe in good condition: Then the Midwife brought to the Deponent the After-Birth reeking warm, which Sir Thomas Witherley with the Deponent examined, and found very ſound and perfect. After a while, the Deponent underſtood that a Medicine was mentioned among the Ladies for a certain Remedy againſt Convulſions: It was, ſome drops of blood from the Navel ſtring; the Deponent conſulted Sir Thomas Witherley and the other Phyſicians; and to ſatiate the Women, it was allowed of; there being, as was conceived, no danger in the thing. Whereupon the Midwife, with a ſmall Knife ſlit the Navel ſtring beyond the Ligature, from which came ſome drops of freſh blood, taken in a Spoon, and given the Child, being mix'd with a little Black-Cherry-Water. Thus much the Deponent hath to ſay upon Her Maſteſties preſent delivery.

Now for the Time of the Queens Conception, the often told the Deponent and others, That She had two Reckonings; one, from Tueſday the Sixth of September, when the King return'd from his Progreſs to the Queen then at Bath; and the other, from Thursday the Sixth of October, when the Queen came to the King at Windſor; but for ſome Reaſons the Queen rather reckoned from the latter; though afterward it proved juſt to agree with the former. Moreover Her Maſteſty, when, according to Her Reckoning, She was gone with Child Twelve Weeks, ſaid, That She was quick, and perceived the Child to move; the Deponent returned no Answer to the Queen, but privately told thoſe about Her, That in truth it could not ſo be in ſo ſhort a Time. Yet the Queen was in the right, only miſtook Her Reckoning; for She was then full ſixteen Weeks gone with Child; about which time She uſually quickned with Her former Children, and accordingly was brought to Bed on the Tenth of June 1688. and within Three or Four days of full Forty Weeks.

*Charles Scarborough.*

*Sir Thomas Witherley, ſecond Phyſician to the King, Depoſeth,*

THAT on Sunday the Tenth of June, the Deponent was preſent in the Queens Bed chamber when the Prince of Wales was Born; the Deponent ſaw Mrs. Labadie bring the Child from the Midwife, and carry him into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed her, and ſaw the Child before he was cleaned; and having a Command from the Queen, that there ſhould be two drops of the Blood of the After-burthen given the firſt thing; We, the ſaid Deponent, and the other Phyſicians, did take two drops of Blood from the Navel ſtring which remained upon the Child, and gave it in a ſpoonful of Black-cherry-water, as the Queen Commanded. After this the Deponent ſaw (as alſo did the other Phyſicians) the After-burthen entire.

*Tho. Witherley.*

*Sir William Waldegrave Kt. Her Maſteſties firſt Phyſician, Depoſeth,*

THAT in the Progreſs of Her Maſteſties being with Child, the Deponent having the Honour to wait upon her as uſual, upon the Thirteenth of February, 1687. about Ten in the Morning, ſhe told the Deponent, ſhe had Milk in her Breſts which dropt out; it was then thought the Nineteenth Week according to One Reckoning, but according to Another Reckoning, it was the One or Two and Twentieth Week; The Deponent alſo affirmeth, That Her Maſteſty took ſuch Ad-ſtringent Medicines, during the moſt part of her being with Child, in order to avoid Miſcarriage; That if ſhe had not been with Child, they muſt have been prejudicial to her Health, and of dangerous confequence. Upon the Tenth of June 1688. the Deponent was called at his Lodging in Whitehall to wait upon the Queen, being told ſhe was in Labour, upon which the Deponent immediately went to St. James's, and ſo into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about Eight of the Clock in the Morning; The Deponent ſtir'd not from thence, but to get ſuch Medicines as were fit for Her Maſteſty, and then return'd again, and was in the Bed-chamber when ſhe Cry'd out, and was Deliver'd; The Deponent followed Mrs. Delahadie, who took the Prince in her Arms ſo ſoon as he was Born, and carried him into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent ſaw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three drops of the Navel ſtring freſh warm Blood, which was mix'd with Black-cherry-water, then returned into the great Bed-chamber, where the Deponent ſaw the After-burthen freſh and warm.

*William Waldegrave.*

*Dr. Robert Brady, one of His Maſteſties Phyſicians in Ordinary, Depoſeth,*  
THAT a little before Ten of the Clock in the Morning, on the Tenth of June 1688. the Deponent was in the Queen's little Bed-chamber at St. James's, where the Deponent ſaw the Prince of Wales in Mrs. Labadie's Lap by the Fire ſide; the Deponent deſired to ſee the Linen and Blankets opened in which he was wrapped; which being done, the Deponent ſaw it was a Male Child, and the Navel ſtring hanging down to, or below the Virile parts, with a Ligature upon it, not far from the Body, but did not ſee any After-burthen hanging at, or joyned to it, not being at the Birth; The Deponent asked how long he had been born, the ſtanders by told him, At three quarters of an hour after Nine of the Clock, the Queen was Deliver'd.

*Robert Brady.*

*James St. Amand, their Maſteſties Apothecary, Depoſeth,*

THAT from the beginning of November laſt, he hath generally every day, till the Ninth of June, 1688. given, by the Phyſicians Orders, Reſtringent and Coroborating Medicines to the Queens Maſteſty: That on the Tenth of June he was ſent for in haſte to come to St. James's to her Maſteſty, who, the Meſſenger told him, was in Labour; That the Deponent then received a Note from the Phyſicians for Medicines for her Maſteſty, which the Deponent was obliged to ſtay and prepare, and ſo came not to St. James's till the Queen was Deliver'd; the Deponent

meeting, juſt as he was going into the Bed-chamber, Mrs. Labadie with the young Prince in her Arms; the King, and ſeveral of the Lords, ſoon after following into the little Bed-chamber; where the Deponent ſaw the Child Naked, before it was cleaned from the Impurities of its Birth; and alſo ſaw the Navel ſtring cut, and ſome Drops of freſh Blood received into a Spoon, which the Deponent mingled with a little Black-cherry-water, and ſaw given by the Phyſicians Orders to the Child; And afterwards going into the great Bed-chamber, where the Queen was Deliver'd, he ſaw the After-burthen, &c. freſh.

*Ja. St. Amand.*

After theſe Depoſitions were taken, His Maſteſty was pleaſed to acquaint the Lords, That the Princeſs Anne of Denmark would have been preſent; but that ſhe being with Child, and having not lately ſtirred abroad, could not come ſo far without hazard. Adding further,

And now, My Lords, although I did not queſtion but every Perſon here preſent was ſatisfied before in this Matter; yet by what You have heard, You will be better able to ſatiate Others. Beſides, if I and the Queen could be thought ſo Wicked as to endeavour to impoſe a Child upon the Nation, You ſee how impoſſible it would have been; neither could I My Self be impoſed upon, having conſtantly been with the Queen during Her being with Child, and the whole time of Her Labour. And there is none of You but will eaſily believe Me, who have ſuffered ſo much for Conſcience ſake, incapable of ſo great a Villany, to the Prejudice of My Own Children. And I thank God, that thoſe that know Me, know well that it is My Principle to do as I would be done by, for that is the Law and the Prophets: And I would rather die a Thouſand Deaths, than do the leaſt Wrong to any of My Children.

*His Maſteſty further ſaid,*

If any of My Lords think it neceſſary the Queen ſhould be ſent for, it ſhall be done. But their Lordſhips not thinking it neceſſary, Her Maſteſty was not ſent for.

It is Order'd this day by His Maſteſty in Council, That the ſeveral Declarations here before made by His Maſteſty, and by Her Maſteſty the Queen-Dowager, together with the ſeveral Depoſitions here Entred be forthwith Enrolled in the Court of Chancery. And the Lord Chancellor is Order'd to cauſe the ſame to be Enrolled accordingly.

IN Purſuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellor on Saturday the Twenty ſeventh day of October following in the High Court of Chancery (many of the Nobility and Lords of His Maſteſties moſt Honourable Privy Council being there preſent) cauſed the aforeſaid Order of Council, and Declarations of His Maſteſty, and likewiſe that of Her Maſteſty the Queen-Dowager, to be openly and diſtinctly Read in Court, as the ſame are Entred in the Words aforeſaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Perſons who made the reſpective Depoſitions aforeſaid, being preſent in Court, were Sworn again, and having heard their ſeveral Depoſitions diſtinctly Read in the Words aforeſaid, and being ſeverally Interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their reſpective Depoſitions to be True; and did likewiſe Depoſe (except ſome few, who came in late to the Council-Chamber, or ſome who ſtood at too great a diſtance) that they heard His Maſteſty, and Her Maſteſty the Queen Dowager make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame as they had been Read, were Truly Entred as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Sence, Intent and Meaning of what His Maſteſty the King, and Her Maſteſty the Queen-Dowager did then Declare. And forasmuch as the Earl of Huntingdon, and the Earl of Peterborough, who were able to Depoſe to the Matters aforeſaid, had not been Examined at the Council-Board, but had brought their ſeveral Depoſitions in Writing, which they delivered into Court, the ſaid Lord Chancellor, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally Sworn, Order'd their Depoſitions to be openly Read in theſe Words following.

UPON Trinity-Sunday, the Tenth of June 1688. I went to St. James's Houſe about Nine a Clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellor, through the Lodgings to the Dreſſing Room, next to the Queens Bed-chamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon occaſion of the Queens being in Labour, the King came ſeveral times into the Room, and amongſt other things was pleaſed to tell us, that the Queen came exactly according to her firſt Reckoning, which was from the Kings Return from his Progreſs to Bath in September 1687. After this the Counſellors were order'd to come into the Bed-chamber, and I ſtood on that ſide of the Bed that had the Curtains drawn open, I heard her Maſteſty Cry out ſeveral times. I ſtaid in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of Wales. I ſaw him carried into the little Bed-Chamber, whither the King, the Lords and my ſelf in particular did follow him.

*Huntingdon.*

I Had the Honour to be in the King's Chamber in the Morning, when word was brought him, the Queen was not well, and followed him into the Dreſſing Room next Her Maſteſties Bed-Chamber, where I ſtaid till His Maſteſty called me to come in, which was about the beginning of her Pains. I Confess the Compaſſion I had for Her Maſteſty, hearing her Cry, made my ſtay there very uneaſie, One of the laſt eſpecially ſeemed to me ſo Sharp, as it really forced me for a little time to ſtop my Ears with my Fingers to avoid hearing more of the like; when ſetting them at Liberty, I heard no more, but perceived a ſudden ſatisfaction in the Faces of the Aſſiſtants, ſeveral ſaying, that the Queen was Deliver'd, and ſoon thereupon I ſaw the Prince brought from about the Bed, and carried into the little Bed-chamber, whither I went afterwards, to behold him more particularly, where I ſaw him as a Child newly born.

*Peterborough.*

AFTER which the ſaid Earls did ſeverally upon their Oaths affirm their Depoſitions to be True, as they had been Read, and that they were preſent in Council, and heard His Maſteſty and Her Maſteſty the Queen-Dowager make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame were Entred in the Council Book, as they did believe, according to the Effect, true Sence and Meaning of what their Maſteſties Declared in Council; Whereupon His Maſteſties Attorney General moved the Court, that the ſaid Declarations of His Maſteſty, and of Her Maſteſty the Queen-Dowager, and the ſeveral Depoſitions, and the Order of Council ſhould be Enrolled in the Petty-Bag-Office, and in the Office of Inrolments in the Court of Chancery, for the ſafe Preſervation and Cuſtody of them, which the Lord Chancellor Order'd accordingly.

At the Court at Whitehall the firſt of November, 1688.

Preſent,

The Kings moſt Excellent Maſteſty in Council.

It is this day Order'd by His Maſteſty in Council, that theſe Declarations of His Maſteſty, and of Her Maſteſty the Queen Dowager, and Depoſitions, be Printed by His Maſteſties Printers, and that none other do preſume to Print the ſame.

*William Bridgeman.*